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REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 21, 22 and 24-24 are allowed over the art of record in this case while claim 26 is objected to for the reasons noted in the official action. The above requested amendment to claim 26 is believed to overcome all of the raised informalities concerning that claim thereby placing claim 26 in allowable form as well.

Next, the drawings are objected to for the reasons noted in the official action, i.e., failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims, namely, the input shaft of the traction gear, the miter gear and the output shaft. All of the raised drawing objections are believed to be overcome by the above requested claim amendments which cancel the objected features from the claims. In view of the above requested claim amendments, it is respectfully submitted that no drawing amendment is required and all of the raised drawing objections should be withdrawn at this time.

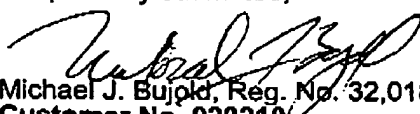
If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,


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